

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 864–866, S. Res. 158, and S. Con. Res. 14. **Pages S2580–81**

Measures Reported:

S. 680, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in the District of Columbia to provide for the establishment of a National Women's History Museum, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 112–14)

S. 782, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to reauthorize that Act, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 112–15)

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Measures Considered:

SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2572–73**

Pending:

Vitter Amendment No. 178, to require the Federal Government to sell off unused Federal real property. **Page S2572**

Cornyn Amendment No. 186, to establish a bipartisan commission for the purpose of improving oversight and eliminating wasteful government spending. **Page S2572**

Paul Amendment No. 199, to cut \$200,000,000,000 in spending in fiscal year 2011. **Page S2572**

Sanders Modified Amendment No. 207, to express the sense of the Senate that Social Security benefits for current and future beneficiaries should not be cut and that the Social Security program should not be privatized as part of any legislation to reduce the Federal deficit. **Page S2572**

Hutchison Amendment No. 197, to delay the implementation of the health reform law in the United

States until there is final resolution in pending lawsuits. **Page S2572**

Pryor Amendment No. 229, to establish the Patriot Express Loan Program under which the Small Business Administration may make loans to members of the military community wanting to start or expand small business concerns. **Page S2572**

Landrieu (for Cardin) Amendment No. 240, to reinstate the increase in the surety bond guarantee limits for the Small Business Administration. **Page S2572**

Landrieu (for Snowe) Amendment No. 253, to prevent fraud in small business contracting. **Page S2572**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, May 4, 2011. **Pages S2572–73**

Appointments:

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, and after consultation with the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–286, appointed the following Member to serve as Co-Chairman of the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China:

The Honorable Sherrod Brown of Ohio. **Page S2585**

Morning Business—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, Senate be in a period of morning business until 5 p.m. for debate only, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the first hour equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders or their designees, with the Republicans controlling the first 30 minutes and the Majority controlling the next 30 minutes. **Page S2585**

Resignation of Senator John Ensign: Senator John Ensign, of Nevada, submitted a letter of resignation from the United States Senate, effective May 3, 2011. **Page S2585**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties: Protocols 1, 2, and 3 to the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty (Treaty Doc. No. 112-2); and

Protocols I and II to the African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty (Treaty Doc. No. 112-3).

The treaties were transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Pages S2584-85**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Roy Bale Dalton, Jr., of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. **Pages S2569-72, S2587**

By a unanimous vote of 89 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 62), Kevin Hunter Sharp, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee. **Pages S2569-72, S2587**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, and Navy. **Pages S2585-86**

McConnell, Jr. Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of John J.

McConnell, Jr., of Rhode Island, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the cloture vote on S. 493. **Page S2573**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—62) **Page S2572**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:47 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2585.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 1666-1680; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 46-47; and H. Res. 238-239, were introduced. **Page H2933**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2934-35**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed on April 27, 2011 as follows:

H.R. 1215, to amend title V of the Social Security Act to convert funding for personal responsibility education programs from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations (H. Rept. 112-63);

H.R. 1216, to amend the Public Health Service Act to convert funding for graduate medical edu-

cation in qualified teaching health centers from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations (H. Rept. 112-64);

H.R. 1213, to repeal mandatory funding provided to States in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to establish American Health Benefit Exchanges (H. Rept. 112-65); and

H.R. 1214, to repeal mandatory funding for school-based health center construction (H. Rept. 112-66, Pt. 1).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1229, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to facilitate the safe and timely production of American energy resources from the Gulf of Mexico, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112-67, Pt. 1);